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REMARKS

Claims 8-21 and 24-33 were pending in the Application. In the Office action of November 25, 2005, claims 24, 26 and 27 were rejected, and claims 25 and 28-33 were objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten into independent form.

In order to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant has cancelled rejected claims 24, 26 and 27 and rewritten dependent claims 25, 28, and 29 in independent form. Claims 30, 31 and 33 were rewritten into independent form in the Response and Amendment filed on October 11, 2005. Therefore, the objection to them in the most recent Office action is not understood. Applicant presumes that the amendments were entered, since the examiner states that the amendments necessitated the new grounds of rejection. Claim 32 depends on independent claim 31, which the examiner has indicated defines allowable subject matter.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests entry of the amendments pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116(b).

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CONCLUSION

Entry of the foregoing amendments should place the application in condition for allowance. Such action is requested. If the amendments do not place the application in condition for allowance, please telephone the undersigned representative.

No fee is believed due with this Response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may otherwise be due with this Response to Deposit Account No. 13-4900 of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C., referencing Attorney Docket No. 6650.5-1.

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